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Kankakee Man Sentenced to Over 10 Years in Prison for Distributing Child Pornography

Urbana, Illinois -- Rodger A. Heaton, United States Attorney for the Central District of Illinois, announced that Brian Walsh, age 27, of 4544 West 5000 South Road, Kankakee, Illinois, was sentenced yesterday to 10 years and 1 month imprisonment for the distribution of child pornography. Chief U.S. District Judge Michael P. McCuskey also ordered that Walsh serve a three-year term of supervised release (formerly known as parole) upon his release from prison and pay a \$100 special assessment.

According to the plea agreement filed in this case, based on an undercover investigation, agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation executed a search warrant at Walsh's residence on March 29, 2005 and seized Walsh's computer, which was found to contain over 300 pictures of child pornography, some involving prepubescent children. The computer also contained special software that Walsh used to distribute the pictures over the internet and allowed other internet users to trade images of child pornography with him.

The charges are the result of an investigation by the Normal, Illinois office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Eugene Miller in the Urbana Division of the U.S. Attorney's Office.

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